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Volume 22.

Collegeville, Pa., Thursday, January 21, 1897.

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COUGH — A NEW ELECTRIC LIGHT —
THE HARDNESS AND TEMPERING OF
STEEL — A NOVEL GRASS PLOT —
GLYCERINE CANDLES.

The scenery of Mars is probably
a good deal like that of western
Europe, says Mr. Edward Proctor
in *The Observer*. In Europe only
have we seas of that battle-necked
shape they have on Mars. The
scenery of Europe is chiefly re-
markable for its variety; while not
possessing the highest mountains
there are many ranges, and no two
alike. In reckoning up the various
features of Mars, we find a very
moist climate, giving the planet
much warmth with small solar heat,
red skies due to the same cause as
the warm climate, and also probably
a luxuriant vegetation, for in warm
and moist climates we always have
a rank growth of vegetable life.
This in turn must give Mars much
organic life. Furthermore, Mars
has a rugged and mountainous
crust, split and divided in all direc-
tions by the long, narrow seas
known as the canals. We have here
a fairly complete picture, and the
conclusion we must draw is that
Mars is far more beautiful world
than our own. A peculiar circum-
stance is the almost complete ab-
sence of sound. The absence of
wind is another fact worthy of note.
The sun is at a greater distance, the
year is nearly twice the length of
ours, and the climate is so mild
that there can be no winds of any
strength. Mars being older than
the earth, it may have a civiliza-
tion—hundreds of thousands of
years ahead of human civilization!
The superior race may be much
larger or much smaller than we are;
it is unlikely that they resemble us,
so innumerable are the forms the
different species of the animal
world take in their struggle for the
survival of the fittest.

The wettest spot known on earth
is Cherrapunji, in India, with a
mean annual rainfall of about 350
inches. Observations during 1894
and 1895 in the Kamerun district of
West Africa have brought to notice
another place scarcely less moist,
the rainfall at Debunja, in latitude
4° 8' North and longitude 9° 0'
East, having been 74 inches in the
single month of September, 1895.
One day's record was 7.4 inches.

To the work of its Botanical
Department is credited the condi-
tion of Jamaica, the one prosperous
colony of the West Indies.

The trials of the torpedo boat
Turbinia, built at Wallend-on-Tyne to
test the applicability of the steam
turbine of the Hon. C. A.
Parsons to steamboats, should mark
the opening of a new era in marine
propulsion. The vessel, which is
100 feet long with a displacement of
forty-two tons, was driven at a
speed of 29.5 knots, which is likely
to be exceeded in future experi-
ments. Among the advantages
claimed for the system are increased
speed, with greatly simplified and
lightened machinery and small pro-

pellors, greatly reduced first cost
and running expenses, lightened
draught, and greatly lessened vi-
bration.

Ozone inhalations have proven
very effective in five cases of
whooping cough treated by a
French physician, M. E. Doumer,
who reports other experience in
about twenty cases as confirming
his own results. The inhalations
were administered for ten or fifteen
minutes twice a day. Improvement
was noticed on the second day, the
attacks of coughing became again
violent on interrupting the treat-
ment, and all patients recovered in
9 to 15 days, during which they re-
ceived from 12 to 27 inhalations of
the ozone.

A new electric discharge phe-
nomenon, called electro-pillary light
is produced by Herr O. Schutt, of
Jena, by sending the discharge of
an induction coil through a glass
tube about 1-100 of an inch in
diameter. The thin column of air
is made powerfully luminous, but
the tube is quickly destroyed.

Why a piece of red-hot tool steel
becomes flint like in hardness when
suddenly quenched in water has been
one of the most perplexing of prob-
lems to the metallurgist. In one
of his recent notable lectures at
the Sheffield Technical School,
Prof. J. O. Arnold remarked that
for many years enquirers had been
satisfied with the explanation that
the hardness was due to a driving
of the molecules closer together by
the shock, but this theory was upset
by the increase in volume of the
steel on hardening. A search of
five years by the metallurgical de-
partment of the Sheffield Technical
School has been rewarded by what
is probably a true explanation.
With intricate physical apparatus,
—the object of which was to
measure accurately the seeming
paradox of how much hotter a
piece of steel became on cooling
how much cooler on heating,
phenomena due to the formation or
dissociation of compounds in the
steel itself,—it was proven almost
beyond a doubt that the diamond
hardness of quenched steel is due
to the presence of a remarkable
sub-carbide of iron, and that the
action of tempering results from
the fact that far below red heat this
compound decomposes and dilutes
the mass with soft iron. The perma-
nent magnetism of steel depends
on the amount of this compound
present.

In a case reported by Dr. Mac-
naughton Jones, the patient had
been suffering for a considerable
time from noises in the ear. Ex-
amination revealed a pink sprouting
mass of what appeared to be fungus
in the middle ear, but on withdraw-
al the mass proved to be without
hayseed, which had become quite
firmly attached to the wall of the
meatus. The patient remembered
having suddenly felt, over two
years ago, as if something had
entered the ear.

The new candle of Prof. Laroche
is claimed to be as clear as water,
and to burn quietly and without
odor. The material is made by
boiling 5 parts colorless gelatin in
20 of water and 25 of glycerine
until a colorless solution is formed,
then adding two parts of tannin in
ten of glycerine. The water is
driven off by further boiling.

A new source of gutta percha,
capable of adding one hundred
tons a year to the world's supply,
is reported to have been found in a
creeping plant growing in French
Soudan.

The rarity of rheumatism in the
damp climate of Japan is attrib-
uted to the mainly vegetable diet
of the people.

Man in the Other Berth.

"This will be your berth, sir,
number 31," said the berth steward,
ushering me into a cozy little cabin.
"Your friend can have 33; the
lower berths will not be occupied."

"So much the better," said my
friend, whom I had met for the first
time at Liverpool street station that
evening. He seemed a gentle-
manly fellow and had an endless
stock of good stories at his com-
mand, so that I was not sorry to
hear that we were to be companions
for the rest of the journey, and
flung my baggage down on one of
the lower berths with alacrity.

"We're lucky," he remarked, as
we made our way up on deck; "the

boats are usually crowded at this
time of the year, and it's difficult
to secure a cabin to oneself. Have
a cigar? There's plenty to see up
here, isn't there? I've been across
some dozen of times."

I took the portly cigar that he
offered me and for a time we
wandered up and down the decks
watching the crowd of passengers,
Dutch, English, Hebrew and Ger-
man, who had just come on board.
It was not until the lights of Har-
wich were mere pin heads in the
distance that we decided to turn
in.

We undressed in a very few
minutes, and hurled our clothes on
the empty berths below us, scram-
bled up aloft. My cabin companion
switched off the electric light.

"We shall be half way up the
Mass when we wake to-morrow," he
remarked, wishing me good-night.

"Good-night," I answered, turn-
ing over on my side. I recollect
thinking for a few minutes of the
jolly holiday before me; of Mynheer
Van der Denn, the wealthy diamond
merchant, and his pretty daughter,
whom I hoped soon to make my
wife; of skating and sleighing
galore in her company at Amster-
dam; of the chance of my host
being as ready to give his only
child to a comparatively poor young
Englishman as he was to invite me
to his house; of a dozen other
things connected with my visit;
and with past days when the branch
in Hutton garden was being started,
and the Van der Dennes lived in
London. And then, suddenly the
rolling of the vessel, the throbbing
of the engines and the fumes of the
strong cigar I had smoked on deck
must have overpowered me, for the
next moment I seemed to hear the
gruff voice of the berth steward:

"Now, sir, it's time to get up
please, I called you some time ago
and thought you were dressed.
We're just outside Rotterdam."

I rubbed my eyes drowsily and
darted up, knocked my head sud-
denly against the white ceiling of
the cabin. And the berth steward,
having at length succeeded in rous-
ing me, hurried out to attend to his
numerous duties. How on earth
I managed to oversleep myself
so shockingly? A glance at the
tumbled bedclothes opposite showed
me that my companion of the night
before was already up. I could feel
that the engines were beginning to
slow down, while through the port
hole trees and houses on the bank
of the river were seen. On the
deck above I could hear the shuffling
of many feet, the excited jabbering
of the Dutch and English Jews, the
guttural tones of Germans, the
shouts of the sailors to those on
the quay, the plumping down of
bags and boxes reading for landing.

I was still drowsy, but I managed
to resist the temptation to lie down
again, and began to fish about for
my clothes on the berth below me.
I was annoyed with myself for
losing the early morning trip up
the river, and the sight of the
snow-covered windmills, the quaint
wooden houses, the low marshlands,
and the curious little craft that gen-
erally dot the Mass. I was equally
annoyed with my room-mate for his
kindly consideration for not rousing
me from my slumbers, and I strug-
gled into my garments rather
viciously. And then suddenly it
began to dawn upon me that some-
thing was wrong.

What on earth was I to do? The
clothes that I fished up from below
were not the ones that I threw on
the berth. Over night they had
been changed for others! By mis-
take or design? Yes it must have
been by design, for no such mistake
could possibly have been made.

The man in the other berth had
substituted his clothes for mine.

I flew to the electric bell and
rang vigorously for the steward.
But by this time he was busy on
deck, handing departing passengers
their luggage and pocketing tips in
return; no one heard or heeded my
summons. It was impossible for
me, half clad as I was, to rush up
above among the crowd; and as
hastily as possible I slipped into the
other man's clothes. I had come
off much worse over the bargain,
for there was not a sou in the
pockets of the substituted garments,
while my watch and chain, money
and jewelry were all missing.

When I was finally in a condition
to rush up the gangway—I need
hardly say without finishing my
toilet, for I was in my (or the other
man's) shirt-sleeves—I found that
most of the passengers had left the
deck, though a small group of
officers were standing on the north
side of the vessel engaged in earn-
est consultation. The heads of a
couple of Dutch policemen, dis-
tinguished from the others by their
curious, low-crowned helmets, tow-
ered above the group; and I at

once rushed toward them, thanking
the lucky chance that had brought
them on the spot.

"Have you got him?" I shouted
excitedly, no doubt cutting a curious
enough figure in the blue shirt and
short trousers that my friend of the
night before had been considerate
enough to lend me.

"It looks rather as if we have,"
said one of the ship's officers,
glancing at me with a singular ex-
pression that I could not at all
understand in his eyes. "Blue
shirt and light trousers—dark mus-
tache—that's all right, isn't it,
officer?" he said in Dutch to one of
the policemen.

"But where is he?" I asked, in
surprise, looking from one to the
other. "The fellow's taken practi-
cally everything—watch, chain,
money and clothes."

"Let's have a look at the other
things," said one of the policemen,
ignoring my question altogether,
and turning to meet the steward,
who was stumbling up the gangway
under the weight of the clothes I
had left in the cabin. "Blue shirt,
light trousers, dark mustache, as-
trakanian overcoat, soft felt hat," he
muttered, checking off the items
with a cablegram he held in his
hand. "And he speaks Dutch pretty
well, but with a foreign accent.
Yes, my friend, I'm afraid we shall
have to take charge of you for the
present, in spite of your clever
little ruse. Just put the rest of
your things on, please, and come
along quietly."

"But what's the meaning of all
this?" I asked in bewilderment, as
the handcuffs were clicked on di-
rectly I had finished dressing. "A
man steals my clothes and my
money and you lock me up for it
and allow him to escape. Is that
the way things are usually managed
in Holland?"

"You'll see how things are man-
aged in Holland, where diamond
thieves are concerned, quite enough,
sir," said the man curtly, evidently
annoyed at my tone. "Any expla-
nations or excuses you can give
later on; in the meantime, perhaps
you will accompany us quietly."

"Yes, and in the meantime this
gentleman is hurrying off as fast as
trains can carry him to some out-
of-the-way place in Europe," I grum-
bled, but resistance was worse than
useless, and followed by a small
crowd of stolid urchins we made
our way along the tree-lined Bom-
pjes to the police station.

Here a short interview with a
fiery faced and fierce mustached
officer told me the nature of the
supposed offense, but did not in any
way improve my prospects of re-
lease. The object of my cabin com-
panion was now quite clear to me,
though all my explanations with re-
gard to the change of clothes were
smiled at by the officers, who evi-
dently thought them very clumsy
excuses. I was accused of being
concerned in a big diamond robbery,
and was supposed to have been
traveling in Amsterdam in order to
make use of my knowledge of
precious stones in disposing of the
spoils among the "fences" in the
Jewish quarter of the town.

The actual thief was confidential
clerk to a large firm of diamond
merchants in London; his escape
with the booty had been noticed a
few hours after his departure from
town and full particulars of his
clothing and general appearance
had been cabled to Rotterdam with
instructions to detain him on the
arrival of the boat. But my "friend"
had foreseen some difficulty of this
kind and laid his plans accord-
ingly.

Selecting me as a man about his
own height and appearance, he had
managed easily enough to change
the clothes in the cabin, the drugged
cigar aiding him in his scheme.
Clad in my brown ulster and travel-
ing cap, he had passed off the deck
with the other passengers without
attracting any special attention and
was probably in the act of negotia-
ting with Amsterdam traders at the
moment of my examination by the
officer at the station.

The fact that I had no diamonds
in my possession at the time of my
arrest meant nothing. They might
have been concealed anywhere in
the vessel, or even have been thrown
overboard. The steward, to whom
I appealed in support of my story,
could only assert that he had found
me asleep while the other passen-
gers were all preparing to land—
and, of course, this told against me.
There was only one man in Holland
who could help me out of my
scrape, and at the name of Van der
Denn, diamond merchant of Amster-
dam on Hutton garden, the officers
looked even more suspicious, though
they promised that he should be
communicated with "in due course."

I was compelled to content myself

with this and resigned myself to
my fate.

I suppose I must have spent four
or five hours in confinement, and was
beginning to wonder whether I was
fated to pass the night in like
fashion, when the key turned in the
lock and a warder entered, closely
followed by my friend, Van der
Denn.

"My dear fellow," said the old
boy, effusively, rushing toward me
and gripping me by the hands,
"what an adventure to have had, to
be sure! But all's well that ends
well, and when you have changed
your clothes we'll start for Amster-
dam at once. Chris is getting quite
anxious about you."

"Have you got my clothes?"

"Why, certainly. We've got the
clothes and the jewelry and the
diamonds, and what's quite as im-
portant, the man himself. It's the
most curious thing I ever knew in
my life. Christina and I were ex-
pecting you hours back, and I was
going to the station to see what had
become of you, when I suddenly
caught a back view of your very
countenance—traveling cap, and
that brown ulster of yours, Eng-
lish every inch of it; why I should
know it a mile off in Holland—
hurrying across the Dam. I caught
up to him in a moment and laid my
hand heavily on his shoulder—and
instead of your face, Holt & Mar-
son's confidential clerk turned to
meet me with terror in his eyes. I
had the police up in half a minute;
the diamonds and your watch and
chain were discovered, he confessed
the plot, and beyond that there is
nothing else to tell, save that your
things are waiting for you to slip
into them as quickly as possible
down below."

I have a little more to tell than
Mynheer Van der Denn; save that
I spent a jolly winter holiday, not
in the white-washed cell; that I
asked Christina to be my wife, and
met with very little demur from her
or from her father who seemed to
think my adventure deserved some
compensation; and finally, that the
handsome wedding present we re-
ceived from Holt & Markson, out of
gratitude for the recovery of the
diamonds, has made me none the
less cautious now of men "in the
other berth."—*Tid-Bits.*

HIS NAME WAS JOHNSON.

BUT THE TIGHTER HE MANAGED TO
GET THE SHORTER BECAME HIS
NAME.

"Say!" he began, as he held up
a long, lean finger and halted a
policeman, "anybody been around
here inquiring for me?"

"And who are you?" asked the
officer.

"Name's Johnson—John Q. John-
son, sir. I spell Johnson with an
'h' in it. The Q. in my name
stands for Quiney. Anybody stop
and ask you for John Quiney John-
son?"

"Nobody has. You'd better take
a walk."

"Certainly, sir—take a walk."

And he took a walk around the
block and met the officer again and
this time he held up two fingers to
command a halt.

"My name's Johnson, sir," he
said—"John Q. Johnson."

"Yes; I've met you before," re-
plied the officer.

"I used to spell name with an 'h',
but it was too much trouble. The
Q. stand for Quiney, but don't use
it if you are in a hurry. Just call
me John Q. Jonson. Anybody been
asking for me?"

"You'd better take another walk,
and a longer one this time," growled
the officer as he looked him over.

"Just as you say—I walk—
longer walk."

This time he probably walked
around two blocks, as it was a
quarter of an hour before he ran
upon the officer again.

"Name's Johnson," he led off
with—"John Jonson. Used to have
Q. in it, but have thrown it away.
Too much trouble. Anybody been
asking for me?"

"Say, Mister Man, you are tight!"
exclaimed the officer.

"Zactly, sir—been tight three
days. Name used to be to Jonson.
Too long. Just call me J-n-n.
Anybody been asking for me?"

"No, sir; but you will be asked
for if you don't get out of this! I
don't you fool with me no more."

"No, sir—no fooling. I take a
walk—a long walk."

In about twenty minutes he faced
the officer again and holding up
both hands he said:

"The drunker I get the less
name I have. Used to be J-n-n.
Used to have a Q. in it. Used to
be John. Say, just call me J-n, will
you?"

"Are you going away or not?"

demanding the officer.
"Going right away. Just come
back to tell you my name. Am I
tighter'n I was?"

"Yes, you are."

In court at West Chester, Tuesday, an interesting decision was rendered by Judge Hemphill, in which he declares the pure food law of this State unconstitutional.

It has been rather broadly hinted that Mr. Wm. D. Heebner, of Lansdale, aspires to succeed Mr. Saylor in the State Senate, by and by. What an aspiration that must be, for Mr. Heebner!

ATTEMPTS at reformation within party lines may be likened unto the man who converts his stomach into a swill barrel and then attempts to reform himself by increasing his appetite. In desired results one attempt is about as fruitful as the other.

ANOTHER politician vindicated: Thomas C. Platt, of New York, has got his vindication from his turning down by the New York Legislature sixteen years ago by being made the Republican nominee for United States Senator to succeed David B. Hill.

An important meeting of the Pennsylvania Editorial Association will be held at Harrisburg on January 26 and 27, when the text of the proposed new libel law will be fully considered, preparatory to presenting the same to the Pennsylvania Legislature.

A RECENT dispatch from Washington goes on to say that Mr. McKinley, President-elect, has chosen Hon. John Sherman for Secretary of State in the coming cabinet, that Mr. Sherman will accept that portfolio, and that Mark Hanna, will succeed Mr. Sherman in the U. S. Senate.

If big lots of political fur are not scattered hither and thither by summer zephyrs and autumn winds during the years '97 and '98, in Republican circles in Montgomery county, then surely will the "devil be chained for a thousand years," then surely will the millennium dawn and the leaders of opposing factions take to kissing each other, "like ducks to water!" Oh, then!

SIXTEEN children perished in the flames that destroyed an orphanage near Dallas, Texas, last week. Think of it: 247 children were housed in a building constructed chiefly of wood, and the fire broke out at midnight! Even if the fire had occurred in the daytime, there is serious doubt whether the tinder-box would not have been entirely in flames before all the inmates could have been rescued. Fundamental care of human life was sadly, sadly neglected when so many children were placed in such a building as that.

If times past much has been preached, pretended, and promised in Pennsylvania in the way of political reform. If the time isn't here now, with the Legislature in session, for practical reform, it will never get here. If money and official power are to be eliminated from political contests in the future, let the work of elimination begin at once, without further postponement. If it is within the power of statutory law to prevent boudle from corrupting the consciences and manhood of men in politics, let such a law be speedily framed and put in force.

THE gold in the U. S. Treasury at the present time amounts to \$140,000,000 as compared with \$44,500,000 last February. Heretofore, when the balance was restored by the sale of bonds, as soon as the proceeds of the sale had been all paid in the balance began to decrease. At this time it is mounting higher, and the explanation is to be found in the unprecedented export trade for the year and the corresponding balance to our credit. The exports for the twelve months of 1896 reached the enormous sum of \$1,005,878,417, or \$35,000,000 more than in any previous calendar year, while the imports amounted to but \$680,553,233, leaving a balance to our credit for the year's commerce of \$325,325,184, or \$20,000,000 more than in 1878, when we were supplying the deficiencies of one of Europe's shortest crop years.

TREATING of the subject of building a separate hospital for the confinement and treatment of the criminal insane, on the part of the State, the Philadelphia Times very opportunely and very correctly, we think, observes:—"We believe that the best way, not only for the criminal insane themselves, but for accomplishing the greatest good with the least cost, would be to add a department to our State prisons for the care of the criminal insane, to be under the direction of those who are charged with the responsible management of our criminals. Such a department as part of our State prisons would justify the removal

of convicts from the regular penal to the insane department in any case in which strong probable cause is presented, while if they are to be treated simply as inmates of an insane asylum, the greatest possible care would be necessary in discharging inmates from our prisons to be treated as insane subjects. In addition to this, the superintendents and physicians of our prisons would continue their care over insane convicts and would be very much better able to judge of the necessity of treating them as insane."

THE House and Senate met at Harrisburg in joint session Tuesday and formally declared State Senator Boies Penrose elected to succeed J. Donald Cameron. Mr. Penrose received the vote of every Republican Senator and Representative present, except one, Daniel Moore, of Chester county, who bolted the ticket and voted for John Wanamaker. The vote in the Senate was 42 for Penrose and 6 for Clarence F. Black. Senator Mitchell of Bradford was absent on account of illness, and Senator Penrose did not vote. Penrose's majority in the Senate was 36. In the House Penrose received 168 votes, Black 33 and John Wanamaker 1. Penrose's majority in the House was 135, making a majority of 171 out of a total of 250 votes. Senator Penrose will take his seat on the 4th of March next as a representative of Pennsylvania in the United States Senate, commissioned by the largest majority ever cast for a United States Senator in the Legislature of the State.

THE U. S. Senate, Thursday, passed the measure known as the free homestead bill, which has been under discussion since the holiday recess. It is a measure of far reaching importance, particularly to the west, and the interest in it was shown by the fact that a plank concerning it was a feature of the several national platforms. The effect of the bill is to open to settlement all public lands acquired from Indians free of any payment to the government beyond the minor office fees, and to release from payment those who have heretofore settled on these lands. The number of acres involved, according to an estimation made by the commissioner of the general land office, is 33,252,541, which would have yielded the government, at the price heretofore established, \$35,343,006.

LAST week a criminal named McCue, who was serving time in the Eastern Penitentiary was removed to the Asylum for the Insane at Norristown, upon the grounds that he was thought to be insane. The removal of the convict was due to the recent action of Judge Gordon and others, who assume the position that the criminal insane should not be confined in jails and penitentiaries but in insane asylums. This position is open to very serious criticism and several reasons along this line were suggested in this paper some weeks ago.

McCue was removed to the Norristown Asylum and soon after his detention there he was murdered! Murdered right in the Asylum, according to the finding of a coroner's jury; murdered by nobody knows who, except the one or ones who murdered him.

The hospital authorities don't know, don't seem to be able to find out how or by whom McCue was murdered, and up to this time District Attorney Strassburger and Coroner Kurtz are about as wise as the hospital authorities.

All seem to agree that there is a murderer somewhere in the Asylum, and there the chapter may end. And yet if it ends there what conclusion will the general public be likely to reach?

That a murderer in the Norristown Asylum stands about as good a chance of escaping detection as a murderer outside of the asylum walls in Montgomery county, or elsewhere.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 15, 1897.—The U. S. Senate has in the past made the fortune of a newspaper correspondent by shutting him up in the basement of the Capitol because he refused to tell where he got a copy of a treaty which he sent to his paper, and brought about the election to the House by the largest majority ever given in a Congressional district of one of its clerks who was dismissed because he was suspected of telling executive secrets. Now, curiosity is naturally excited to know what it proposes to do or try to do to Secretary Olney, who gave to a correspondent, who represents a London and a Boston paper in Washington, a copy of the arbitration treaty before the ink on the signatures of himself and the British Ambassador was thoroughly dry. As yet the Senate has taken no notice of this extraordinary act of Secretary Olney. Indeed, two days after the full text of the treaty had been published in the newspapers the Senate committee on Foreign Relations solemnly discussed, without reaching a conclusion, the question of

authorizing the publication of the treaty, which was done later by the Senate. This sort of thing would be facially anywhere else but in a Senate committee, but so great is the dignity which doth hedge a Senator—according to the opinion of many of the Senators—that it would be a crime second only to treason to charge a committee of the Senate with playing a farce, but it must be said that the discussion referred to was, under the circumstances, a good imitation of a farce.

According to present appearances, a combination of diplomatic opposition, personal feeling, and small politics may endanger, if not actually prevent, the ratification of the arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain, which was signed by Representatives of both governments and sent to the Senate this week. In view of the known sentiment of the country in favor of the arbitration of international difference, it was supposed that the Senate would promptly ratify the treaty. It was known of course, that the diplomatic representatives of European countries, especially Russia, would like to see this treaty fail, but it was not supposed that they would dare to engage in intrigue to bring about its failure; but they are doing that very thing. And the personal feeling of Senators against Secretary Olney because of the position he maintains concerning the power of the President in recognizing new nations is helping them, and the small politics of those republican Senators who are willing that the treaty shall be jeopardized or even lost entirely rather than to see this administration get any credit for having brought it about is doing likewise. This situation is not creditable to the Senate, but it exists all the same. Public opinion called a halt on the Cuban jingoism in the Senate; perhaps the same power may get the arbitration treaty ratified. We shall see.

Senator Hill has never advocated a better measure than the bill he introduced this week providing that all postmasters shall serve a term of four years, unless removed for cause, although its introduction at this late hour gives it small chance to become a law.

If it be fair to judge by the growling among the members of the House, Speaker Reed didn't please anybody but the two gentlemen named when he gave Representative Bailey, of Texas, the democratic vacancy on the committee on Rules, and Boatner, of La., the vacancy on the Ways and Means committee.

Although the House killed the Pacific Railroad funding bill by an overwhelming majority, it showed its sympathy for one of the leading advocates of that bill by ordering a speech stricken from the Record which had been inserted under the leave-to-print rule by Representative Maguire, of Carolina, and which contained references to the indictment of Representative Johnson, of California, in Syracuse, New York more than thirty years ago for forgery; and emphasis was added by the refusal of the House to order Representative Johnson's speech, in which he made a very bitter attack on William R. Hearst, stricken from the Record. This action was taken by the House after Mr. Johnson had made one of the most pathetic speeches ever made in Congress, acknowledging that he had been indicted in New York and giving details of his going to California and working to regain his good name and to repay the money, in both of which objects he showed that he had succeeded. There were tears in the eyes of more than one man on the floor of the House when Mr. Johnson said in his speech: "I tell this to show that I am not ashamed of my life, that I have not concealed this blot upon it. Can every man in this House and this country say as much? In Sacramento I have built up a name and a fame that any man might be proud of."

It was plain to be seen by the apathy with which the speeches made by Senators Mills and Bacon this week, on the Cuban resolution of the former, were received that the Senate has about arrived at the conclusion that the Cuban question is dead, so far as this session of Congress is concerned.

The New Monthly Open Court

With January, 1897, the Chicago Open Court celebrates the decennial anniversary of its nativity, and more consonantly with the solid character of its contents now appears in the form of a monthly instead of a weekly. Undoubtedly this change will gain more than ever the attention of thoughtful people for the Open Court, which is devoted to high ideals of purifying religion by the methods employed in science, an aim which it has always reverently but fearlessly pursued. In the ten years of its existence the Open Court has gained the hearty co-operation of a majority of the world's most eminent scientists and thinkers, both orthodox and unorthodox. The subscription price to the Open Court being reduced to an absolute minimum, its work has been rendered possible only by the large private endowment of Mr. E. C. Hegeler, of La Salle, whose contributions to its support have exceeded its net income by ninety-six per cent.

Tom Reed's Vagabond Clothes.

From the Lewistown Evening Journal.

One of Tom Reed's cast-off suits of clothes is wandering about the country on the person of a vagabond barber, who was in a party of tramps that broke into Reed's cottage at Grand Beach last summer. The fact leaked out in the Portland Police Court, where one of the tramps was arraigned on Saturday, and now the Cumberland officials want to get a pull on that vagabond barber's whiskers. Meanwhile all persons are cautioned against bestowing hospitalities or courtesies upon any of Tom Reed's clothes unless Mr. Reed is present to vouch for them.

The Japanese Farmer.

From the Boston Journal.

Japan is one vast garden, and as you look over the fields you can imagine that they are covered with toy farms where the children are playing with the laws of nature and raising samples of different kinds of vegetables and grains. Everything is on a diminutive scale, and the work is as fine and accurate as that applied to a Cloisonne vase. What would an Illinois or a Iowa farmer think of planting his corn, wheat, oats and barley in bunches, and then, when it is three or four inches high, transplanting every spear of it in rows about as far apart as you can stretch your fingers? A Japanese farmer weeds his wheat fields just as a Connecticut farmer weeds his onion bed, and cultivates his potatoes and barley with as much care as a Long Island farmer bestows upon his asparagus or mushrooms or his flowers.

The Man for the Place.

Able Editor—"Want a position, eh? Do you understand the tariff question?" Applicant—"Um— to tell the truth, I don't anything about the tariff."

"Are you familiar with international law?" "No, I can't say that I am." "Have you followed up the various African and Polar expeditions and the insurrection in Cuba, and have you all the localities at your finger ends, so that you could write column after column on any of these subjects without exhausting yourself?" "I never took any interest in such things."

"Are you thoroughly familiar with English, French, German and Russian politics?" "Don't know anything about European squabbles, and don't want to." "Young man, take that desk there. I shouldn't wonder if you could make a paper that sensible people would like to read."—New York Weekly.

Exact information as to how much the Republicans will have to surrender to the silver men in the next Congress in order to get a tariff bill through is thus far lacking. There are a good many interesting guesses at Washington, however.—Boston Globe.

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A certain amount of fat, burned daily, would keep your body warm and healthy. But your digestion is bad, and you don't get it from ordinary fat-food. Hence you are chilly, you have coughs and shivers; while pneumonia, bronchitis, or consumption finds you with no resistive power.

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Umbrellas recovered for 50c. up.

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EDITORIAL OBSERVATIONS.

When the women see the points of all this anti-high theatre hat legislation, the rest of the people will see the play.—Chicago Tribune.

New York has again named Thomas C. Platt for the Senate and Illinois feels reassured in the thought that she can't do worse.—Chicago News.

Banging away at Bryan should have a rest. Bryan was satisfactorily beaten, and he has conducted himself becomingly since that happy dispatch.—Boston Herald.

What if Chicago doesn't get a portfolio in McKinley's Cabinet? The President has ordered his three new Washington carriages from a local firm.—Chicago Journal.

A Massachusetts minister has declined to receive \$1,000 increase in his salary and the congregation is about evenly divided as to whether this indicates remorse of conscience or lunacy.—Chicago Times-Herald.

About the meanest and most contemptible excuse offered for postponement by the Senate of action on the arbitration treaty is to "get even" with Olney. They cannot deprive him of the glory of having negotiated it, at all events.—Portland Advertiser.

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Remnants in five cent lots, fine Embroidery and Yoking from half-inch to half-yard wide.

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Various styles and colors in 1 to 3 yard lengths, at 5c. a piece.

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Of China, Majolica, and Glass-ware, at 10c. a piece.

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Hermesdorf, Fast Black, Fleeced Lined; extra heavy, at 19c. Also a big lot of Ladies' woolen hose at 19c. a pair.

These goods were high-priced goods, but we must clear our stock; hence the price.

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In Men's Heavy Woolen Mittens. We had entirely too many of this grade and they must go now at 19c. All 50c. goods.

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We don't mean half-yard pieces; but remnants of one kind long enough to paper a room, but not enough to keep in stock. There will be at least 50 lots of these remnants.

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HOME AND ABROAD.

- Taking into account
- The frigid weather of
- December, '96
- And of January up to date,
- It ought to be reasonable to expect
- That the g. h. will not see his shadow on the 2d of next month.
- An arithmetical problem
- Based upon an actual business transaction
- Is what excited a part of the lower ward for ten hours all told beginning of this week.
- The amount of figuring done was amazing
- And yet the solution is not obvious to a number of the interested arithmeticians.

—In looking over the effects of a Mercer county farmer, who died a few days ago, his heirs found \$12,000 in gold coin concealed in two glass jars.

—We acknowledge the receipt of a unique calendar from the Albertson Trust and Safe Deposit Company, Norristown. The card contains an attractive photo-engraving of Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge.

—The Board of Directors met at the Almshouse, Tuesday, and received bids for supplies.

—The entire family of Richard Quigg, of East Vincent, Chester county, were poisoned Sunday night by eating cabbage which had been sprinkled with Paris green. It is thought all will recover.

—Thomas Coulston, one of the best-known citizens of Lower Gwynedd, died Friday, in his 91st year.

—H. H. Koons, of this borough, is having his residence on Main street repainted. Samuel Yost is doing the work.

—J. L. Bechtel, the undertaker and dealer in furniture of this borough, was taken seriously ill Tuesday.

—It is reported that Rev. E. T. Kretschmer, formerly pastor of the Lutheran church at Trappe, is dying of consumption at the home of his sister in Indiana.

—H. L. Shomo, Esq., of Royersford, has been appointed a notary public.

—At the recent birthday party of the Mite Society of the Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, the proceeds amounted to nearly \$150.

—The State Board of Charities has recommended that Charity Hospital be given an annual appropriation from the state of \$15,000 for the next two years.

—George Pennick, of Eagleville, while engaged in working a feed cutter on Friday afternoon, had one of his fingers amputated by getting it caught in the knives.

Philadelphia Markets.

Winter flour, \$11.00/11.50; flour \$2.80 to \$5.00; rye flour, \$2.75; wheat, 23 1/2 to 26c; corn, 21 1/2c; oats, 22 1/2c; butter, 19 to 20c; poultry, live, 8 1/2 to 9c; dressed, 8 1/2 to 9c; timothy hay, 15 to 20c; mixed, 10 to 15c; straw, 65 to 75c; beef cattle, 4 1/2 to 5c; sheep, 2 1/2 to 4c; lambs, 4 to 5c; hogs, western, 5 1/2 to 6c.

RELIGIOUS.

Services in St. Paul's Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church at Oaks station, on Sundays at 10.45 a. m. and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 2.30 p. m. The seats are free and a cordial welcome is always extended to all persons to attend the services of this church. Rev. Benj. J. Douglass, Rector.

Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 3 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

Evansburg M. E. church, Rev. A. L. Cooper, pastor. Sunday school at 9.45 a. m. Preaching, Sunday at 10.45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and class meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Installation: Rev. S. L. Messinger will be installed pastor of St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, on next Sunday morning, the services beginning at 10.30 o'clock. The installation committee is appointed by clergy of Rev. H. W. Super, D. D., L. L. D., Rev. J. H. Hendricks, A. M., and Rev. Prof. H. T. Spangler, D. D. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6.30, and preaching by the pastor at 7.30 p. m. Wednesday evening prayer service at 7.30. Catechetical class on Sunday at 2 p. m. Junior C. E. meeting at 8 p. m. the same day. All cordially invited to attend the services.

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Bank Officials Organize.

The Directors of the Schwensville Bank organized Monday by electing H. W. Kratz, President; Cashier, J. G. Prizer; Teller, Irvin S. Schwenk; Clerk, Isaac Grimley.

Officers Installed.

The newly elected officers of Geo. B. McClellan Post, No. 515, G. A. R., of Schwensville, were installed by Past Commander H. H. Fetterolf last Saturday evening.

Cattle Killed.

By order of State Veterinary Surgeon Dr. Pierson six cows and a calf afflicted with tuberculosis, the property of Montgomery Hartenstein, of Lower Potsgrove, were killed Thursday.

A Large Bill Paid.

The County Commissioners met in special session Friday and paid over to the representatives of the Pennock Iron Works Company the sum \$22,776, the amount due for the iron work of the Airy street bridge, Norristown.

Farm Sold.

A 45-acre farm in Skipack township, belonging to the estate of Mrs. Catharine Fryer, deceased, was recently sold at public sale by the executors to A. H. Seipt and Wm. H. Seipt, for \$1850. Eleven years ago, it is said, this farm was sold for \$4,000.

Lively Live Stock Business.

During the year 1896 M. P. Anderson, the well-known dealer in live stock of near Black Rock, Upper Providence, sold at public sale 596 cows, 1913 pigs, 402 sheep, and 267 turkeys. His second sale of fresh cows for 1897 was held Monday and fair prices were realized.

A Social Club at the Hub.

A number of well-known citizens of Norristown have organized a new social club, the object of which is to furnish social enjoyment to those who desire to vary the monotony of life. The club will give a dance in the new City Hall on Wednesday evening, February 17.

Refrigerator Building Sold.

The plant of the Arctic Refrigerator Company at Linfield, the original cost of which was \$35,000, was lately sold to Horace Ashenfelter, of Oaks, and J. M. Lewis, of Royersford, members of a company—for \$3500. An extensive sacrifice that. The new company intends to operate the plant.

Sale and Social.

The L. T. L., of this place, will hold a sale and social in Fenton's hall next Saturday evening, January 23. Admission free. The young folks will have on sale home made candies, cakes, etc. A ticket, which can be had for ten cents, will purchase a cup of coffee or cocoa and a piece of cake.

Injured.

Last Thursday Daniel Fryer, of Mingo, was walking on the board walk near Fernwood cemetery, Royersford, when he tripped on a loose board and was thrown violently to the ground. He was picked up in an unconscious condition, while blood was flowing from the several wounds made on his face.

Purchased a Hotel.

A. J. Ashenfelter, proprietor of the store at Yerkes, last week purchased the Fountain Inn property at Trappe. We are informed that it is Mr. Ashenfelter's purpose to relinquish the store business and take possession of the hotel stand he has purchased about the first of April.

WILL PREACH.

Prof. W. A. Kline, B. D., of Ursinus College, will preach in Trinity church, this borough, on this coming Sunday morning, the 24th inst., services commencing at 10 o'clock.

Archdeacon Brady, of Philadelphia, will preach at the next Episcopal church Royersford next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

\$500 Reward for a Missing Man.

A reward of \$500 has been offered by Wm. L. Price, of Quakertown, for a clue to the whereabouts of the Rev. James H. Price, German Baptist clergyman, of Quakertown, who left his home on the 7th inst., and has not been heard of since. Mr. Price is 56 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height, weighs about 155 pounds, is of medium build and has sandy beard and light-brown hair. He was last seen in Philadelphia.

A Colonial Supper.

A colonial supper and loan exhibition of art and antiquities will be given by the ladies of the Montgomery County Historical Society at their hall, Penn street, below Swede, Norristown, on the afternoon and evening of February 22, 1897. The object is to raise funds for alterations to the new building and for other purposes. Tickets to the supper are fifty cents. It is hoped there will be a generous response to the appeal for this patriotic purpose.

Death in a Tunnel.

A Reading railroad express train, moving rapidly through the tunnel, near Phoenixville, Friday afternoon, struck Dominick Tili, and hurled him many feet away, on another track. He was found by the tunnel guard and removed to the hospital at Phoenixville, where he died in the evening. The tunnel is nearly a mile long, and as black as night. Tili evidently became confused in the darkness, and got on the wrong track. The dead man brought his wife from Italy, just three weeks ago, and had just gotten nicely settled in their new home.

The Ideal Panacea.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds, and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations." Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church for twenty years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery. I tried this Ideal Cure in my family. Trial bottles free at Cubert's Drug Store."

A Large Membership.

The Worcester Farmers' Club has a membership of 324. The Eagleville branch numbers 125 and the Centre Square branch 83—a total membership of 575.

Erecting Poles.

Workmen are at present engaged erecting poles along Main street, this borough, for the new Keystone Telegraph and Telephone Company. When the new Company gets its phones into operation a reduction in rates is anticipated by the public.

Horse Killed.

Some time ago a valuable gray horse belonging to George Dannenhower, of near Yerkes, Upper Providence, made a mistake while working on a tread power, and severely cut one of his front feet. The animal exhibited indications of lockjaw Saturday and was consequently killed and removed by Geo. W. Schweiker, of Skipack.

Bank Directors Chosen.

The National Bank of Schwensville has elected the following directors: Henry W. Kratz, of Norristown; George W. Steiner, of Zieglerstown; Isaac H. Johnson, of Creamery; Noah D. Frank, of Red Hill; Henry H. Fetterolf, of Collegeville; William H. Johnson, of Pagsleyville; Morris Y. Johnson, of Congo; John B. Clemens, of Morrow; Alvin C. Alderfer, of Harleysville. The last succeeds his father, Geo. D. Alderfer, deceased.

Grand Bazaar.

A grand bazaar will be held under the management of the Eagleville Cornet Band in their hall at Eagleville, opening Saturday evening, January 30, 1897, and to continue for the succeeding three weeks, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. There will be exposed for sale each evening a large variety of useful articles, and there will also be a fishing pond for the enjoyment of children large and small. The Band specially call attention to the fact that contributions in the way of useful articles of any description. All articles thankfully received.

Ladies' Aid Society.

A regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, of Trinity church, was held on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hobson. Owing to its being the first meeting of the year there was a rather lengthy business meeting when it was decided that the Society will hold a fair sometime during the month of February. After the transaction of business matters the following program was well rendered: Piano Solo, Miss Mabel Hobson; Reading, Mr. Oswald; Selection, Ursinus Maudlin Club; Recitation, Mr. Harbaugh; Piano Solo, Miss Agnes Husnicker; Recitation, Mr. Shenk; Selection, Maudlin Club. Then followed a variety of songs, and the evening closed with the singing of "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Amen." The person finding the greatest number of slips containing the name of the author he started out to find being the victor. Miss Agnes Husnicker secured the ladies' prize, which was a small volume of Brooks' Sermons. Mr. Hottenstein won the gentlemen's prize. The Society's Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow. The next meeting will be held at Mr. and Mrs. Paiste on Monday evening, February 15.

A Legacy of \$1,000,000.

A legacy of \$1,000,000 is reported to have been bequeathed by the late New York paper manufacturing magnate, Augustus Smith, to Mrs. John P. Janeway, nee Wetherill, native of Upper Providence township, who is now a patient at Kirkbride's Asylum, Philadelphia. Mr. Smith, who died in New York recently, was a bachelor and Mrs. Janeway was one of his favorite nieces. By the terms of the will, which was received by the trustees—and, of course, she cannot even enjoy the large interest returns from it unless her mental faculties are restored. At the end of her life her children are to receive the entire \$1,000,000. Mrs. Janeway's great good fortune comes, however, after two great misfortunes. Her husband died some months ago, and she was then, and then, very recently, her grief so overcame the widow that her mind gave away, and she was sent to Kirkbride's Asylum. There, it is hoped, a cure may be effected.

PERSONAL.

Isaac Wanner, of this borough, who has been indisposed for several weeks, is improving slowly.

Mrs. M. Zimmerman, of the lower ward, was seriously injured last week, suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Her condition at present is somewhat improved.

L. R. Kramer is a prominent Republican candidate for the office of School Director in Lower Providence.

Jos. G. Gutwals, of Providence Square, is ill with pneumonia. He was reported slightly better, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Detwiler, of Cedars, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Koons, this borough, Sunday.

LOCAL POLITICS.

NOMINATING MEETINGS.

The usual interest attached to local politics does not seem to be wanting this year of grace. The Republicans of this borough will meet next Tuesday evening in Fireman's hall between 6 and 8 o'clock, to form a ticket. The Democrats have not fixed upon a date for their meeting, so far as we can learn at this time. The offices to be filled are: Burgess, Judge of Elections, two Inspectors, Justice of the Peace, Tax-Collector, two School Directors, two Councilmen and one auditor. Under the law it appears the office of Burgess becomes vacant throughout the State in 1897, and since a Burgess cannot be his own successor Dr. Weinberger will come to the barn and demand a horse and carriage. Shopper refused to comply, whereupon they said they would take a team on their own responsibility. The farmer hastened to a neighbor's for help, leaving his son in charge of the stable. The masked men heard the farmer and his neighbors coming and fled in the darkness, making their escape. When Shopper entered the stable he was shocked to find his son bound, gagged and lying unconscious in an empty stall. In the absence of the farmer the men had struck the young man down. He was taken to the house and a physician summoned, who found that the young man's skull was fractured. Shopper, however, the neighbors started in pursuit of the men, but could not find them. Young Shopper is in a precarious condition.

Struck Down by Masked Men.

While John Shopper, a well-known farmer, and his 18-year-old son were doing their stable work at their farm near Kimberton, on Thursday night, two masked men came to the barn and demanded a horse and carriage. Shopper refused to comply, whereupon they said they would take a team on their own responsibility. The farmer hastened to a neighbor's for help, leaving his son in charge of the stable. The masked men heard the farmer and his neighbors coming and fled in the darkness, making their escape. When Shopper entered the stable he was shocked to find his son bound, gagged and lying unconscious in an empty stall. In the absence of the farmer the men had struck the young man down. He was taken to the house and a physician summoned, who found that the young man's skull was fractured. Shopper, however, the neighbors started in pursuit of the men, but could not find them. Young Shopper is in a precarious condition.

Waiting Wife.

"Two o'clock and no sign of Harry. Oh, my dear mother! Why did I ever leave you? (Rings). James, has your master not yet come home?" Sleepy Servant—"He didn't go out to-night, ma'am. He went to bed very early."—Boston Traveler.

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BOROUGH FATHERS OF TRAPPE.

A regular meeting of Town Council was held at Sappington Fulmer's office on Main street, Monday evening. Routine business was transacted, including the granting of orders for the payment of bills.

The street and road committee reported that a fence had been erected about the quarry, a heretofore dangerous place on the road leading to Spring Valley creamery.

A communication was received from J. A. Strassburger, Esq., entering complaint, on behalf of his client Frederick Fry, of a nuisance in the shape of a protruding stone at or near the sidewalk at the old Royer corner. This particular place was prominent in that particular place for many years—since 1810—and was looked upon as an ancient landmark, a corner stone as it were. Some time ago Mr. Fry was traveling through that particular part of the borough, and since a glaring street lamp cast no ray of light upon the filthy protruberance Mr. Fry was not reminded of its very presence and stumbled over it. The extent of Mr. Fry's injuries by reason of the collision the writer is not aware of, but the aggravation was sufficient in character to impel him to take indirect action against the stone through the inherent power of Town Council. Now that Council has referred the whole matter to proper persons with full power to act in the premises, the presumption seems to be taking root that that particular stone will have to go, and the place that knows it now "will soon know it no more forever!"

The second triennial local institute which was held in the Evangelical church on Friday and Saturday of last week was largely attended, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The interest manifested in this cause is constantly on the increase as was shown last week. The class-drills which comprised a large part of the exercises were interesting. A discussion, "What can Teachers do to create in Children a desire for Literature?" was discussed by A. E. Wagner, J. H. McAllister, Lizzie M. Krupp, Mary A. Hippel and George F. Longacre. The sentiment of those who took part was unanimously in favor of first developing a desire for literature and the establishment of school libraries. The pupils of the different schools furnished vocal music. The music for the evening was furnished by Miss Dora Evans, on the piano, and Mr. James Evans on the cornet and Mr. Frank Stauffer on the trombone. The lecture on Friday evening was on the subject, "Liberty or What?" by Prof. E. L. Kemp, of Stroudsburg State Normal School; it was a profound one, replete with gems of thought. On Saturday, subjects discussed, were: "Should the Legislature enact a law making the minimum school term eight months?" and "What are the most urgent needs of our public schools?" Chief among our needs urged locally were the establishment of a township high school, the founding of libraries for the school, co-operation of parent and teacher. Instruction was given by Prof. Kemp, Prof. Green, of West Chester State Normal School addressed the Institute on the subject, "Literature." Prof. Kriebel, of Perkiomen Seminary spoke on "The Teacher's Reward." Prof. F. H. Green lectured in the evening, in his usual pleasing manner, on the subject, "The Three Queries." The music for the occasion was furnished by Miss Evans, and Messrs. Evans and Stauffer. Those who received prizes in the competition exercise in spelling by pupils under thirteen years of age were: First prize, Mame Reed; Second prize, Homer Graber; Third prize, Laura Thomas, all of Church School. Fourth prize, Frank Zepp, of St. Peter's School. In the contest for pupils over thirteen years of age, the following won prizes: First prize, Emma Iselt; Second prize, Samuel W. Loucks, of Church School; Third prize, Warren Ziegler and Harry Stoudt, of Linderman's School.

Rev. H. T. Brant, of Limerick Centre, spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week visiting relatives in Spring City and Royersford. Revival services are being held at the Mingo Brethren Meeting house. Rev. Abram Grater has the services in charge.

Mr. Amos Ziegler is on the sick list. Dr. Brower is the attending physician.

"Flirts and Matrons" was the subject of a lecture given in Memorial Hall, Spring City, by Miss White.

Reuben Kern, of Oklahoma Territory, is visiting in this vicinity. His mother, Mrs. E. P. Kern accompanied him and will remain here in the future. Reuben will, however, return to the West in a few weeks.

Peter Kulp, a well-known and esteemed farmer of this township near Royersford, died on Tuesday last of carcinoma of the stomach. A post mortem examination confirmed the diagnosis of the disease. The autopsy was performed by Dr. Charles J. Brower, of Spry City, in the presence of Drs. Wm. Brower, Good, Dismant and Graber. Deceased was a soldier in the late war. A widow and three children survive. The funeral which was held on Saturday was largely attended. Interment was made at Limerick church cemetery.

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For mud, go to the Perkiomen station by the way of Mud Puddle Avenue.

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We hear of no opposition to the other candidates and suppose there will be no change, though Starr announces himself as a candidate for Supervisor in the upper end, to succeed himself.

John Drumbeller who at one time had charge of this section of the Pennsylvania Schuylkill Valley R. R. was relieved of his pocket book containing forty-three dollars and ten cents Tuesday evening. Mr. Drumbeller had just been paid and left his money in his desk in the lower room. It is evident some one was familiar with the condition of things and relieved Mr. Drumbeller of his spare change.

We are having all kinds of weather, and our old friend Mr. John Francis, Sr., has prophesied what kind of weather we are to have way into May. March and April to be warm and dry and May wet and cold.

Mr. John B. Detira has two nice Chester County Whites, pigs we mean. They are so nice alike he has to tie ribbons on their tails so he can tell the t'other from which.

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Accommodation.....	4.02 p. m.
FOR ALLENTOWN AND POINTS NORTH AND WEST.	
Milk.....	8.06 a. m.
Accommodation.....	9.06 a. m.
Market.....	1.15 p. m.
Accommodation.....	5.46 p. m.
SUNDAYS—SOUTH.	
Milk.....	7.12 a. m.
Accommodation.....	8.13 p. m.
NORTH.	
Accommodation.....	8.25 a. m.
Milk.....	7.43 p. m.

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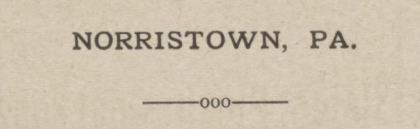
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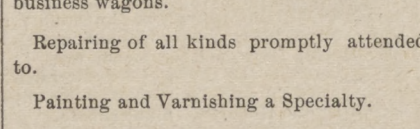
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

JANUARY FARM NOTES.

An experienced farmer states that a hog will starve to death in four months on corn, provided no other food is given, as the corn is deficient in nitrogen and mineral matter. It is impossible to keep hogs in good health when they are fed nothing but corn. He states that only a slight change of diet will prove beneficial. A mess of scalded bran with a small proportion of linseed meal, and cooked turnips allowed, once a day, will double the value of the corn and balance the ration.

Some enterprising individual has calculated that it requires 22 acres of land to feed one man on fresh meat for a year, while the same land, devoted to wheat, will feed 42 persons. The estimate for beef is correct, perhaps, if range cattle are included; but with better methods of cattle raising, including the soiling system, and the use of improved breeds, cattle will be greatly reduced in cost. In fact, the estimate may be disputed as the average yield of wheat per acre will not feed more than three persons, while the beef produced on one acre should feed one person.

The time to begin with the garden is as early in the year as possible. First clean off the surface by raking it, so as to collect the dried grass and dead weeds, and burn the refuse. Then spread the finest and best manure on it, that which is free from litter being preferable, and do not spare the manure. If the manure is well rotted all seeds of weeds will have been destroyed. After spreading the manure plow the garden as soon as it can be done, leaving it rough for the frosts to penetrate. Early in the spring plow again. This method mixes the manure with the soil. The object is to have the soil fine and free from coarse material of any kind.

It is estimated that on the farm eight sheep are equivalent to one steer, proportionately to the land and food required, and if the sheep are well bred each should gain three-quarters of a pound a day the first year. Sheep can be made to increase very rapidly when given extra care, and with the use of nutria breeds large carcasses can be secured in 10 months.

Failure to derive large crops may depend upon circumstances not noticed. It is essential that all plants be pollinated, and yet but little attention is given to this important matter. Plants can also be inbred and deteriorate. With strawberries the use of two varieties is a common practice, as some kinds will not produce crops at all unless grown near other varieties from which the pollen can be derived. This rule holds with many other crops than strawberries and should not be overlooked.

Occasionally during the winter there will be warm spells when the frost will leave the ground. If the ground becomes sufficiently dry to permit the teams upon it plowing should be done. The advantage of so doing is that it turns many grubs and insects to the surface to be caught by the next frost. Insects cannot be destroyed by cold when the season is dry and of some what uniform temperature, while they are in the ground, but when brought to the surface and exposed to dampness, with alternate thawing and freezing of the ground, they quickly succumb.

ALL AROUND THE FARM.

The fruit of the grape is produced from the vine of the same season's growth.

The market gardener selling his own products can make an acre or two of berries very profitable.

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As the fruit begins to ripen in the orchard or vineyard, cultivation should be suspended. This is not only that orchard fruit may not be soiled by falling upon the loosened earth, but what is still more important, to prevent the late growth of wood which will not ripen before winter. If the ends of the new shoots have not been pinched before this it should be done now. This will turn the sap back to the fruit and will also form fruit buds for next year's crop.

Plants breathe, as persons do, and they must have fresh air in liberal quantities if you would have them flourish. Open some door or window at some distance from the flower where your plants stand, and let the cool, pure air from out of doors come in and mix with the warm air of the room.

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In any city or village many turnips can be sold to private families by near-by farmers if they will take the pains to call on people at their homes. It may seem slow work, but a wagonload goes off very quickly, especially if the farmer has besides the white varieties for early use some of the yellow turnips that will keep good until spring. There is often late in the season a market for the coarse rutabagas, which are then the only turnips that are in good condition to eat.

Professor Brewer, of Yale, says that the kind of business prosperity that comes from old grass lands is just the opposite extreme from that known as the "real estate boom." One means continuous thrift and comfort, the other speculation and alternate wealth and poverty. Nations with grass and pasture and meadows are more continuously prosperous than those without, however rich the latter may be.

Nearly all farmers are coming to realize that in general their farms are too large for the intense and careful farming now necessary to meet the demands of the market and to secure profitable returns. The pioneers who first settled these broad, fertile valleys were not satisfied unless their farms were large enough to consume a full day in interviewing their crops and their live stock scattered over their broad acres. To them quality was not of so much account as quantity.

The success of germinating nuts in the spring depends on the condition of ripeness and the method of keeping them during the winter. Nuts should not be allowed to become too dry before burying in sand. When gathered too early the kernels shrivel up and have but little germinating power, hence they should not be gathered until the kernel is full and plump. If there is any danger of mice getting into the boxes where they are buried during the winter wire netting should be nailed over them.

If the cow has a tendency to be constipated increase the proportion of oil meal in her ration. If her bowels become too loose decrease the oil meal and increase the bran. If the cows have a tendency to put on too much flesh decrease the corn meal or discard it altogether. If she gets too thin give her more corn meal and less of the other foods. If straw and cornfodder are high limit the feed to eight or ten pounds a day. If these rough foods are cheap give 20 to 25 pounds a day to each cow and use what is uneaten for bedding.

It is very rare of late years that a season is found when there is good pasture all through the year. Usually the dry spell comes late in summer or early in the fall, just the time when the best soiling crops are ready to help out the deficiencies of pasture. The reason why more farmers do not sow soiling crops in spring is because their land is not ready to produce the crop that will make soiling profitable. Preparations for soiling ought to begin at least the fall or winter before. Draw out and spread a good coating of manure now on the land to be drilled with corn next spring, and it will do far more good than if the manure were applied then.

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